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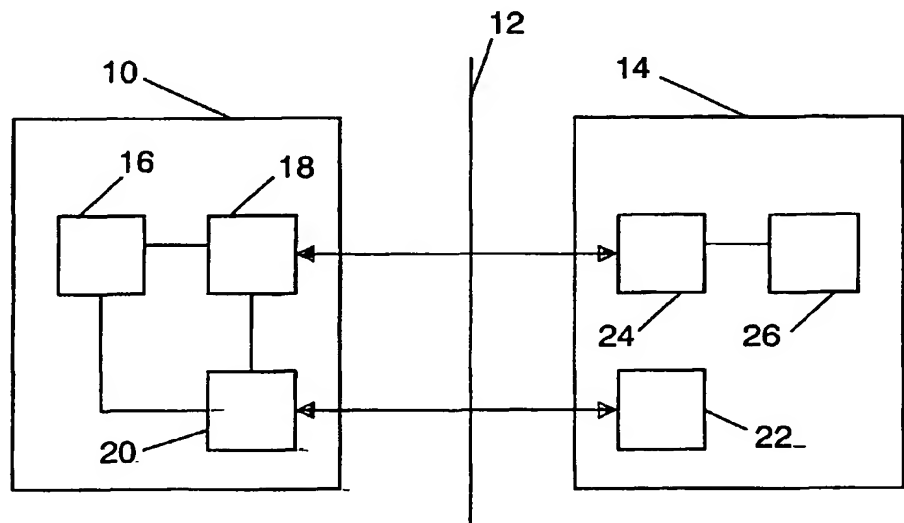
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(54) Title: **FORESTALLING LONG TIME-OUTS IN PROCESSES**



(57) **Abstract.** The present invention relates to methods, devices, systems and computer program products which avoid long time-outs in processes run on two or more computers. A first computer (10) comprises an application unit (16) performing computational tasks, and a status determining unit (20) connected to the application unit. The status determining unit sends a request for status to a second computer (14), which second computer is to perform some computational tasks for the application unit, and automatically blocks request for processing of data to the second computer if no response is received from the second computer, where the request for processing is caused by the application. The second computer comprises an application unit (26) performing the computational tasks and a status responding unit (22) which receives the request for status from the first computer, generates at least one response to the request, and sends the response to the first computer.